

The Norfolk News

The paramount issue to the Nebraska fashionists at the present time appears to be D. Clem Deaver.

An octopus is well represented this year by the farmer with the crop. He can bring all other octopuses to his terms.

A strike is a luxury that cannot be afforded in days of hard times and depression and but few care to enjoy one in days of prosperity.

Norfolk will bloom with hospitality and good times during her Harvest Home Festival. No person in North Nebraska can afford to not participate.

The Mississippi mob that hanged two negro women who had been charged with a crime is undoubtedly brutal enough to tar and feather or horsewhip a baby.

The calamity wailer in Nebraska is again in the minority. The people are not even worrying about the downfall of the republic and the erection of an empire.

The free and unlimited coinage of words should stop. Fifty years ago there were but 7,000 words in the English language beginning with the letter "A," now there are 60,000.

The prohibitionists will meet in state convention at Lincoln on Wednesday, September 4, to reassert their loyalty to cold water and insist that it is the only drink for their fellowmen.

Anyway Governor Savage appears to be paying little attention to the criticism regarding Bartley's parole. Perhaps he is thoroughly convinced that the card up his sleeve is a sure winner.

A nice crop of feed can be raised yet. Plant cane, turnips, rutabagas, cow peas, millet and there will be no lack of food for horses and cattle during the winter. This rain will start such crops nicely.

In the death of Dowager Empress Frederick, mother of Emperor William of Germany and sister of King Edward VII of England, Europe is again called upon to mourn the loss of one of her most prominent royal ladies.

The farmers of Nebraska marketed surplus products last year to the amount of \$116,965,364. This year they will not have so much to market but what they have will not be far from equalling it in value. Stand up for Nebraska.

Then there are the Maryland democrats, also, who fail to consider free silver at 16 to 1 the paramount issue. It begins to look as though Mr. Bryan would either have to join the rump or accept a new and "paramount" issue.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has decided to make a personal study of crop conditions in the corn belt and has arrived in Nebraska for that purpose. The rain of today will not admit of his forming an altogether unfavorable opinion of Nebraska.

Kansas also appeals to Secretary Wilson to change his opinion about the corn belt, showing that that "semi-arid" and "uncertain" state has produced during the past five years, according to the secretary's own report, bread stuff to the value of \$378,133,347.

Nebraska hog raisers marketed 2,788,524 head of the animals at a value of \$37,645,076, leading in value the other products and the Fremont Tribune wants the Nebraska hog crowned emperor. He is pretty big people but there are already enough hogs on thrones.

The value of products exported from Nebraska by the farmers of the state last year was more than \$125,000,000, or \$124 for every man, woman and child in the state. It is little wonder that some of the people have splendid bank accounts and that there are many who are fully convinced that there is prosperity in the land.

The New York Journal of Commerce has been doing some figuring on the outlook for the farmer this year as compared with last year and has reached the conclusion that corn, wheat and oats this year will be worth \$17,000,000 more than last year. Last year there was a big crop at a fair price and the Journal figures that this year there will be a fair crop at a big price.

Hero Hobson has evidently reformed. At Madison, Wis., after an address on the American navy, several bold, bad women endeavored to impress osculatory carresses on his lips but it is positively stated that he successfully side-stepped their efforts and has again demonstrated that he is a hero by evading threatened dangers. Richmond would undoubtedly be justified in carrying a torpedo boat for his protection.

Iowa democrats' eyes are cast toward Cedar Rapids, where they hope to see a merry row at the republican state convention. They will be disappointed unless all precedent fails. The Iowa republicans have a reputation for adjusting differences and overriding difficulties in a way that is astonishing and

disconcerting to the opposition. The candidate named at Cedar Rapids will be the next governor of Iowa.

A Harvest Home Festival in a locality where there is no harvest might well be deemed out of place, but Norfolk is in the center of a territory where a crop of small grain has been harvested and the corn harvest promises well. It is one of the localities in the corn belt that can afford to celebrate and the meeting tomorrow night should be enthusiastic and definite. Everyone interested should make it a point to be present.

Dr. Koch, the tuberculosis expert, has recently advanced two theories regarding the disease that the people will be glad to have proven true. One is that the disease is not communicated from cattle to men and the other that it is not hereditary. If true this leaves but one important method of communicating the disease and that is through the germs in the sputum of consumptives and this can be much more readily guarded against than though it were hereditary and communicable from cattle. The doctor's theory should at once be proven right or wrong, in the interest of the human family.

Under the head "John R. Hays not Concerned," the Omaha Bee of yesterday retracts its statement that he had any connection with the Auditorium drawing with the following explanation: "As the statement was made by an officer of the government who was supposed to be fully cognizant of the condition of affairs it was used without question, and the name of Mr. Hays was among those mentioned to the reporter." It goes on to say that Mr. Hays' name was not used in connection with the matter except as explained by THE NEWS. The officer mentioned made a deplorable mistake and should in the future exercise greater discretion in the information he conveys to the public.

The partial loss of the crop this year would pay a large part of the expense of constructing an irrigation and reservoir system. The country between the Rocky mountains and the Missouri river is too well drained, the land being at such a slope that the surplus water moves off too rapidly and there should be ways of holding it back and in reserve for the summer months. The Trade Exhibit says: "If it was possible to dot the country with lakes and reservoirs the air would be filled with moisture arising from the surface of the water, increasing the liability to rain while at the same time the water could be drawn direct from these storage reservoirs for irrigation purposes, or let out into the streams, that might be running dry, to be drawn out lower down for the same purpose."

Another thing regarding Nebraska which should be called to Secretary Wilson's attention is that while the state has held first, second, third and fourth places as a corn producing state, the time is coming when she will stay at first place. The development of Nebraska has but fairly begun. There are the thousands of acres in the state that will grow corn which have never been touched by the plow, whereas Iowa, Indiana and Illinois are pretty thoroughly cultivated. When, therefore, these idle Nebraska lands are brought up to their producing capacity it does not require an extreme optimist to believe that the state will head the list of corn producing states at least nine years out of ten. Nebraska is in the corn belt and determined to stay there, in spite of an occasional partial failure.

It would be difficult to tell the politics of the average democratic paper at present. All they have license to do is to attack the republican administration at frequent intervals, and even this becomes monotonous. As far as public questions are concerned they are awaiting a definite straw to determine which way the wind is blowing. The result in Ohio has proven that Bryanism hasn't a mortal clinch on the party, and they are not so anxious to diet on crow that they deem it necessary to form any radical opinion either way. It is probably the sensible stand to take and when the time comes they can swing around to the majority without any recent articles to proclaim an apparent inconsistency. Some of the little rags continue to blaze away without any thought that they may be indiscreet, but the real leaders are laying very low.

If the state is to refuse to keep the families of its employees at its institutions it might not be a bad plan to provide rentable homes nearby where an official or employee could maintain his family. No doubt the privilege of keeping families at the institutions has been woefully abused in the past, but it is just as certain that a person who is required to devote almost his entire time to the service of the state should not be entirely separated from his family, as though he were the meanest inmate. Many of the institutions are at a considerable distance from desirable residence property and if an officer or employee is to be allowed to visit his family at all a considerable part of his time would be consumed in journeying back and forth, whereas if his family lived nearby he might spend his spare mo-

ments at home without inconveniencing anyone or impairing his efficiency to the state.

The efforts of the sugar trust to dispose of a rival in the beet sugar industry is meeting with merited antagonism wherever the beet industry has obtained a foothold and the trust will find that the beet industry has many friends with whom it will have to reckon before it is permitted to manipulate affairs to its liking. In the west the trust is cutting prices, in the east the magnates assert that the sugar producers want the import duty on raw sugar abolished and a duty of half a cent on refined sugar maintained and as a third weapon the trust is issuing \$15,000,000 additional capital stock with which to operate in Porto Rico and Cuba. The trust is not a producer of sugar but only a refiner and their movement in favor of free raw sugar and a duty on the refined article would be a distinct advantage, they being able to require the difference between the free raw sugar and the duty on refined from consumers. Nothing would be of greater advantage to the trust than this and nothing would hurt the beet sugar industry, that both produce and refine, more. The trust will not find the supporters of the beet sugar industry inactive and the American people will not allow a home industry to be crushed if they can prevent it.

Those who have seen the heroes of the Spanish-American war hurried from high positions in the esteem of their countrymen are brought to wonder if all are lacking in the requirements of heroes—if they really did nothing deserving of praise—or if the jealousy of their comrades and fellow citizens might not be the real cause of their undoing. For months the name of Dewey was in everyone's mouth or until he returned home and gave evidence that he was an ordinary mortal as well as a hero. Then Roosevelt's enemies questioned his prowess; the effort was made to prove Hobson undeserving of praise and it was sought to discredit Fred Funston, the hero of two brave deeds, and the Schley-Sampson controversy has gone so far that a court of inquiry is demanded to settle the differences arising. In fact not a man has done anything to distinguish himself but that someone is ready to step forward and question his motives or otherwise discredit his action. People are beginning to believe that the United States does not deserve heroic service, that the country does not honor her brave as they are honored in other countries and that a soldier or sailor shows the best judgment who remains a nonentity and does not risk life or fortune by some deed of reckless daring in his country's service. It does seem that these men have not been generously treated but the time will undoubtedly come when their deeds of valor will shine brighter than ever, when their enemies will be silenced and when they will receive full credit for their action.

Is Nebraska in the Corn Belt? Now that Secretary of Agriculture Wilson is making a personal inspection of the condition of the corn belt, it is to be hoped he will revise the opinion he has recently expressed that Nebraska is outside of the corn belt. Up to this year the corn belt area was presumed to cover the states of Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Indiana, Kansas and Nebraska. Secretary Wilson insists that the true corn belt is comprised in the states of Iowa, Illinois and Missouri, while Nebraska and Kansas are classed with the semi-arid states.

During the past five years the rank in the order of production of corn of the six states that have been mentioned was as follows:

ORDER OF PRODUCTION OF CORN.					
	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.
Iowa	1	3	1	2	1
Nebraska	2	1	3	4	3
Illinois	3	2	2	1	2
Kansas	4	5	5	3	5
Missouri	5	4	4	5	4
Indiana	6	6	6	6	6

It will be noted that Nebraska has within the five years ranked first one year, second one year, third two years and fourth one year. The only states that have outranked Nebraska in the corn yield are Iowa and Illinois, while Kansas, Missouri and Indiana have fallen below. The corn crop for 1900 in the leading states is as follows:

YIELD OF CORN 1900.	
	Bushels.
Iowa	305,850,948
Illinois	264,176,226
Nebraska	210,430,064
Missouri	180,710,404
Kansas	163,870,630
Indiana	153,200,800

With this exhibit before him, Secretary Wilson can hardly close his eyes to the fact that Nebraska is entitled to a high place among the corn-producing states. It is safe to assert that Nebraska will continue to hold its place as the second or third corn-producing state, even in this so-called drought year. Only Illinois and Iowa have any promise of outclassing Nebraska in corn output of 1901. If Nebraska is not in the corn belt it will have to have a new class made for it.—Omaha Bee.

Sensational Journalism. Several Norfolk citizens now believe that the qualifications for a reporter of a city daily are about a ton of gall and sensation to a grain of truth and discretion and they certainly have very

good grounds for the belief. Yesterday's Omaha papers contain a sensational article connecting the names of Norfolk people with the proposed drawing of the Norfolk Auditorium, alleging that they are likely to be called up before the United States court to answer to the charge of improper use of the mails and it is said that a Chicago paper had an article alleging that they were already under arrest. As a matter of fact the articles in question are mainly lies and as such constitute an extreme libel. The first name mentioned is that of Hon. John R. Hays, who for the first time has learned that his name was ever used in connection with the scheme mentioned, and the idea that he is to be arrested is simply preposterous and could only be evolved from the fertile imagination of a sensational reporter or small-brained gossip.

The other names mentioned were those of his partner, Judge Powers, and Dr. Bear, who, if the case is understood by the writer, are no more amenable to the United States postal laws than any other Norfolk citizen, or the citizen of any other city in the state, for the scheme. The two latter gentlemen's names were used with those of other Norfolk citizens as a committee to supervise the drawing if one was held. As none has yet taken place they have not even supervised a drawing, much less put the mails to an improper use. The only connection Mr. Hays' name had with the scheme was for the identification of Mr. Powers, one of the committee members, it being said that he was the senior member of the firm of Powers & Hays. The reporter has simply made a mountain of a mole hill and he and others concerned should be convicted of slander, if not by the laws, at least by the public. The papers may be innocent of any attempted wrong and a prompt retraction is the least that could be expected.

The person who mailed the circulars and received the replies is, as believed, the only one even liable to arrest and no case has been proven against him, nor should there be in all fairness, in view of the many similar schemes that have been conducted throughout the country, apparently without the protest of the postal authorities.

It is doubtful if the postal authorities or the court officials are in any way responsible for furnishing an intimation for the formation of such articles as the dailies contained, but if they should have been so indiscreet they are entitled to their share of censure.

One Was Enough.

That illustrious astronomer, Professor Simon Newcomb, in an article on "Science and the Government" in THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW, gives an amusing instance of the ignorance even of the most prominent politicians regarding the work of the greatest scientists.

"It is said that some 50 years ago the British academy had printed a few copies of an important work for presentation to some foreigners who, from their prominence in the scientific world, were best entitled to be honored with the gift. Professor Airy, the astronomer royal, was requested to make a selection of the names. A few days after he had sent in his list he was informed by the secretary of the admiralty that 'my lords' were struck by the number of unknown names included and that they wished to make an inquiry on the subject. Airy asked the secretary for some specifications as to the names referred to."

"Well, as an example," said the secretary, "here is the name of Professor C. F. Gauss of Göttingen. Who is he?" "Gauss is one of the greatest mathematicians of the age and stands among the two or three most eminent masters in physical astronomy now living. Who else do you wish to know about?"

"No one else. That will do," replied the secretary.

The Blood on the Knife.

"For the last ten years," said a curio dealer in the Old Quarter, "a broad bladed dagger with an imitation bronze handle has been lying among a lot of odds and ends in that corner showcase. I don't know where it came from, but I probably got it when buying some collection. At any rate, the other day, while looking over my dead stock, it occurred to me it might be buried up and used as a paper knife. I took it out, scraped the handle a little to see what it was made of and then laid it on my desk to attend to a customer."

"When I picked it up again, I was astounded to find the blade dripping with blood. It seems a childish thing to tell, but the incident was so gruesome and apparently inexplicable that it set me trembling like a leaf. In a moment, however, my common sense came to the rescue, and what proved to be the correct explanation flashed into my mind."

"It was a trick dagger, for use either on the stage or in some secret society nummery, and the hilt contained a hidden reservoir for artificial blood. In scraping the side I had pressed a spring which opened a little valve, and out came the gore, still fluid, after all these years. I afterward found that the top unscrewed for replenishing the supply."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Metron Symphany.

Collector—I'm sorry, Mr. Slowpay, but your tailor has put his account against you into my hands for collection.

Mr. Slowpay—He has, eh? Do you work on a commission basis?

Collector—Yes, sir.

Mr. Slowpay—Then I'm sorry for you.—Chicago News.

COMMENT ON SPECIAL.

What State Exchanges Say of Harvest Home Edition.

Laurel Advocate: The NORFOLK NEWS issued a fine descriptive and illustrated special edition last Saturday.

Albion News: The NORFOLK NEWS got out a splendid souvenir illustrated edition last Saturday that is a credit to that enterprising publication.

Battle Creek Republican: The NORFOLK NEWS put out a creditable supplement, containing sketches and pictures of prominent places and prominent men in Madison county, Saturday.

Newcastle Times: The NORFOLK NEWS came out last Saturday with a souvenir embellished edition that was very creditable to the publishers and one that the city of Norfolk may well be proud of.

Wisner Chronicle: The NORFOLK DAILY NEWS issued a Midsummer and Harvest Home souvenir edition of Madison county this week that is a credit to the publisher, W. N. Huse, and its compiler, H. S. Livingstone.

Stanton Register: The NORFOLK NEWS got out a special edition last Saturday that is one of the best that has been printed in the Elkhorn valley for years. Editor Huse certainly makes a success of his special editions.

Winside Tribune: The NORFOLK NEWS came out with a glowing writeup of Madison county in its last Saturday's edition. The most of the pictures displayed in the writeup were taken by Roy H. Johnson formerly of Winside.

Dakota County Record: The NORFOLK DAILY NEWS issued a very creditable Midsummer and Harvest Home souvenir of Madison county this week. It is illustrated with half tones and is a very nice piece of typographical work.

Wayne Herald: The NORFOLK DAILY NEWS on Saturday issued a Midsummer and Harvest Home souvenir edition that is a beauty typographically and is written in a highly entertaining manner. It is a credit to its promoters and Editor Huse.

Scribner News: This office is in receipt of a copy of the Midsummer and Harvest Home souvenir edition of Madison county, published by the NORFOLK DAILY NEWS. It is one of the best publications of its character ever issued in this part of the state.

Lynch Journal: The NORFOLK DAILY NEWS of Saturday last came out with the neatest and finest writeup of Madison county that it has ever been our pleasure to see. When the NEWS undertakes a job it is generally finished in the finest way possible.

Wayne Democrat: The NORFOLK NEWS got out a remarkable edition last Saturday. It was a 30-page paper containing a comprehensive story of Madison county, her towns and people and their wonderful progress. THE NEWS is an expert at the "special edition" business.

Madison County Reporter: The NORFOLK DAILY NEWS on Saturday, July 20, issued a Midsummer and Harvest Home souvenir edition of Madison county. The edition was published in book form and it gave a complete historical and biographical sketch of Madison county.

Cumtug County Democrat: We are in receipt of a copy of the NORFOLK DAILY NEWS, being a Midsummer and Harvest Home souvenir edition of Madison county. It is a volume of twenty-six pages and is one of the nicest editions of this character ever produced in Nebraska.

Meadow Grove Press: The NORFOLK DAILY NEWS came out last week with a very neat illustrated Midsummer Souvenir edition, of Madison county. Editor Huse and H. S. Livingstone, who assisted him, deserve much credit for the neat and attractive manner in which it was gotten up.

Humphrey Democrat: This office is in receipt of a copy of the souvenir edition of the NORFOLK DAILY NEWS which was issued last Saturday. The paper represents a magnificent effort on the part of the publisher, Mr. Huse, and it shows up Norfolk and Madison county in an excellent manner.

Lyons Sun: The NORFOLK NEWS is out with a handsome and comprehensive Midsummer and Harvest Home souvenir edition of Madison county. It contains much valuable information concerning Nebraska in general and Madison county in particular and is a credit to the publisher of the NEWS.

Ansforth Star-Journal: The DAILY NEWS of Norfolk last Saturday is a neat edition of the paper in magazine form, illustrative of the advantages of the town and county. It was called the "Midsummer and Harvest Souvenir Edition of Madison County," and is very creditable to both paper and people.

Carroll Index: The NORFOLK DAILY NEWS issued a special edition on Saturday last that was one of finest ever printed in the state, and reflects credit on the enterprising publisher. It consisted of 24 pages of well written descriptive matter, beautifully illustrated, and was a model of typographical excellence.

Wayne Republican: The NORFOLK NEWS on last Saturday issued a splendid illustrated edition of the towns of Madison county. It was a 25-page paper put up in book shape and was well

written and excellently printed on good book paper. W. N. Huse, proprietor of THE NEWS is an up-to-date, progressive publisher.

Pierce Call: The NORFOLK NEWS of last Saturday bloomed out into a 32-page paper with every page filled with good, live, interesting reading and a gem in the art preservative. The paper was a Midsummer edition of Norfolk and Madison county and contained a large number of half tones of business houses, residences and prominent citizens of the towns of that county. It certainly was a hummer.

Hooper Sentinel: The NORFOLK DAILY NEWS has just issued a handsome Midsummer Souvenir edition of Madison county and Norfolk in particular. It is embellished with several cuttings showing a number of the many beautiful buildings of the Sugar City and its progressive citizens. It is well filled with much historical, biographical and descriptive data and will prove valuable as a reference.

Wisner Free Press: The NORFOLK NEWS issued a Midsummer Harvest Home Souvenir edition of Madison county last week. The issue bears the portraits of numerous prominent men of the county, buildings and public and private institutions. The mammoth beet sugar factory at Norfolk is illustrated on the front page. Exhaustive writeups, historical, biographical and statistical, of the various towns and the county in general are given.

Gordon Journal: The Saturday edition of the NORFOLK NEWS was a hummer. Besides containing writeups of the state, county, and towns of the county, officials, business men, leading institutions and industries, it was profusely illustrated with half tone cuts. It was just such a souvenir as the true Nebraskan would be proud to mail to his friends back east. THE NEWS is a true exponent of the interests of Norfolk, Madison county and the great state of Nebraska.

St Paul Republican: Unfaded by the drouth, Editor Huse last week issued a twenty-eight page souvenir edition of his excellent paper, the NORFOLK NEWS. It was lavishly illustrated with pictures of leading Madison county men and public buildings and was in every way a delight for the eye and a feast for the brain. The paper was far and away above the average souvenir edition, both in appearance and value of contents. Editor Huse deserves congratulations upon his achievement.

Stanton Picket: In addition to its regular daily issue the NORFOLK NEWS last Saturday presented its readers with a handsome souvenir edition of 26 pages, containing a history of Nebraska and Madison county in particular, with numerous handsome illustrations of different institutions of the city of Norfolk and surrounding towns. Its one fault was incompleteness, caused, no doubt, by a failure of many business men to appreciate the value of such an enterprise to the town, and indirectly to each citizen.

Fullerton News-Journal: A fine illustrated industrial souvenir number of the NORFOLK DAILY NEWS gives a clear showing of the fields of labor in which energetic Nebraskans are engaged. Much space is given to the educational institutions, the pride of the country. The beet sugar industry, yet in its infancy, is comprehensively written up and illustrated. This paper is worthy of careful inspection by those who wish to learn how much may be accomplished by the enterprising inhabitants of any Nebraska town.

Neligh Yeoman: The NORFOLK NEWS of July 20 is one of the finest illustrated editions ever gotten out in the state. It has fine illustrations of buildings of interest, pictures and biographies of county officials and leading business and professional men, and interesting descriptive articles of Madison county and its several towns. The beet sugar industry is awarded, and justly too, considerable space, and we note with pleasure the space devoted to education. Superintendent Crum has inaugurated some new methods in connection with the county schools. These are fully set forth in this issue and the good results placed before the public. Altogether this is one of the most valuable special editions that has ever come under our notice.

The University of Nebraska, Lincoln, July 24.—W. N. Huse, Publisher NORFOLK DAILY NEWS, Norfolk, Neb.,—Dear Sir: Permit me to congratulate you upon your souvenir edition of Madison county. It is certainly a striking example of enterprise of your very prosperous locality. I was especially interested in the sugar beet industry and your description of the schools.

The kind words in regard to the state university we all greatly appreciate.

Thanking you for the copy, I am,

Very truly yours,

H. G. SHEDD,

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